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Testimony presented to the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

IN SUPPORT of H.B. No. 6490 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR RELIEF FROM CERTAIN FEDERAL FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS.

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This bill would establish a procedure so that people who are disqualified under federal law can get their Right to Keep and Bear Arms back in Connecticut.

One Attorney, and perhaps more, has a client right now who was incapacitated several years ago by a serious accident. He was unconscious for some period of time. Because of his mental state, a conservator was involuntarily appointed for him. The client has recovered fully, but under federal law he is forever disqualified from having firearms because he was once deemed by a court to be "mentally defective."

This bill would establish a way to undo this disqualification. It would allow persons to petition the probate court for the district in which such person resides for relief from a federal firearms disability, under 18 USC 922(d)(4) and 18 USC 922(g)(4), as a result of an adjudication or commitment rendered in this state.

This bill was addressed in 2010 but died on Judiciary Comm JF Deadline. A Proposed Amendment was offered, not called on the Firearms Bound Book bill which was not called on the House calendar the last day of the 2010 session. Support from both Chairmen of Public Safety was evident.

Compliments state statute with federal law. Last year testimony presented was this bill would help to ensure that the state qualifies for federal funding of up to \$3 million.

We urge Support.